

Attorney Docket No.
COE-523

PATENT APPLICATION
Serial No. 10/045,381

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate Examiner's timely and thorough review of the response to the first advisory action. Applicants previously have canceled all rejected claims and have filed a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) together with fees for same and fees for any required extension of time herewith. Amendment to the objected to Claim 4 has been done to address Examiner's concerns. Claims dependent from Claim 4 have been previously amended to address Examiner's concerns. Applicants have placed all remaining allowed claims, including previously amended claims 25 and 26, in proper form for allowance. Applicants request the amendment to Fig. 1 as submitted in the response to the Final Office Action be entered concurrently with the present and previously un-entered amendments. No new material has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

To assist in reviewing Applicants' response: where Applicants have quoted Examiner's advisory action, the quoted material is single-spaced and indented and Applicants' response to Examiner's concerns is in bold print.

In the second advisory action, Examiner checked three boxes for not entering the amendment: a) the period for reply expires 6 months from the mailing date of the final rejection, b) raises new issues and c) for purposes of appeal, the proposed amendments will not be entered, also stating in a note:

Claim 4, as currently amended, does not bodily incorporate the limitations of the claims from which it depends as seen in "Amendment A" filed on October 2, 2003; this is considered a new issue. Also, the amended claim portions have not been underlined or stricken through as required by the Revised Amendment practice that went into effect on July 30, 2003.

Applicants have amended objected to claim 4 to comply with examiner's comments in both the advisory actions and the final office action.

No new matter has been entered via this amendment. The objected to Claim 4 has been amended to comply with examiner's comments. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the subject application be passed to issue as amended hereby with currently amended Claim 4, previously amended Claims 5, 11-16, 25 and 26, and previously presented Claims 23, 24, 27 and 28.

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